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SUBJ: SAN JOSE CONFERENCE - RIO TREATY ZONE OF COVERAGE

REF: SAN JOSE 3004 (USDEL 17)

1. ARGENTINA PLANS TO GO AHEAD WITH ITS ORIGINAL INTENTION OF
INCLUDING THE AREA DESCRIBED IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL. THE
ARGENTINE DELEGATION IS HAVING SOME TROUBLE GETTING NEW
INSTRUCTIONS, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF THE SITUATION IN
BUENOS AIRES. NEVERTHELESS WE WOULD STILL LIKE TO HAVE THE
ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL IN ORDER TO
GIVE US GREATER NEGOTIATING FLEXIBILITY.

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2. WE BELIEVE CONSIDERABLE EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO AVOID THE RASH OF STATEMENTS AND RESERVATIONS ABOUT TERRITORIAL AND JURISDICTIONAL CLAIMS WHICH AROSE IN THE COURSE OF THE RIO MEETING IN 1947. THUS, IF THE ARGENTINE PROBLEM IS THE ONLY DOUBTFUL PROPOSAL WHICH ARISES IN THIS AREA AND IF ARGENTINA DOES NOT OVERTLY LINK IT WITH ITS CLAIM TO THE SANDWICH ISLANDS, WE PROPOSE TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING COURSE: WE WOULD NOT SPEAK WHEN ARGENTINA INTRODUCED ITS AMEMDMNT. BUT AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME WE WOULD ASK THAT THE UNITED STATES BE RECORDED AS HAVING ABSTAINED ON THE ARGENTINE PROPOSAL, WITH NO EXPLANATION AT THAT TIME. THEN, WHEN THE ARTICLE GIVING THE BOUNDARY OF THE ZONE IS FINALLY APPROVED, WE WOULD STATE THE FOLLOWING:

3. QUOTE MR. CHAIRMAN, I MERELY WANTED TO PUT ON THE RECORD THE UNDERSTANDING OF MY DELEGATION THAT, BOTH IN THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND IN THE DELIBERATIONS HERE AT THE CONFERENCE OF PLENTIPOTENTIARIES, IT HAS BEEN THE CONSENSUS OF ALL DELEGATIONS THAT THIS ZONE HAS BEEN PROPOSED AND AGREED TO EXCLUSIVELY AS THE REGION IN WHICH THE APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 3 WILL APPLY, AND THAT THIS PROTOCOL HAS NO EFFECT UPON THE SOVEREIGNTY, OR NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL STATUS OF ANY OF THE AREAS IN THE REGION DEFINED BY ARTICLE 4 OF THE TREATY. END QUOTE (THE LATTER PART WAS DRAWN FROM A STATEMENT MADE IN 1947; SEE P. 21 OF QUOTE INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF CONTINENTAL PEACE AND SECURITY, REPORT OF THE DELEGATION OF THE US, GPO, 1948. END QUOTE)

4. ARGENTINA HAS BEEN TALKING ITS PROPOSAL AROUND AND CLAIMS TO HAVE THE VOTES TO WIN, WHICH IS UNDOUBTEDLY TRUE. NEVERTHELESS, THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION IS WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH US ON THIS TO AVOID OPENING ANY PANDORA'S BOX.

5. PLEASE INFORM BY 11 AM EDT TUESDAY IF THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

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